Remarks

With this Amendment, Applicant seeks to place the Application in condition for allowance by canceling all non-allowed claims. Applicant believes, however, that the non-allowed claims are patentable, for all the reasons discussed in the Request for Reconsideration that was filed April 26, 2004, and is canceling the non-allowed claims merely to avoid incurring additional costs.

Should the Examiner have any question regarding this matter, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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